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Letter dated 7 April 2017 from the Chair of the Liberia configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to Security Council resolution 2333 (2016), adopted on 23 December 2016, in which the Council requested the Secretary-General to prepare a report for the Security Council within 90 days of the adoption of the resolution that sets out a well-developed peacebuilding plan to direct the role of the United Nations system and other relevant partners, including multilateral and bilateral actors, in supporting Liberia's transition, and emphasized in this regard the important convening role of the Peacebuilding Commission in the process of developing this plan (para. 13).

In this connection, the Peacebuilding Commission has endeavoured to support the work of the Government of Liberia and the United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL) in Monrovia and worked closely with the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, the United Nations Development Programme and the Division of Political Affairs in New York. In Monrovia, the Peacebuilding Office facilitated the efforts of the various ministries and departments of the Government of Liberia in the development of the peacebuilding plan. An expert-level meeting of the Liberia configuration of the Commission was held in January 2017 with representatives of UNMIL and the Government of Liberia. Key issues raised at this meeting were the need for consultation with civil society, political actors, the United Nations country team and the donor community, and the need for the plan to build upon existing frameworks related to peacebuilding, such as the Agenda for Transformation and the statement of mutual commitments concluded between the Government of Liberia and the Commission.

Following this meeting, a joint mission comprising key multilateral partners, engaged by the Peacebuilding Support Office as co-chairs of the High-level Advisory Group, was dispatched to Monrovia in early February 2017 to work with the Government of Liberia and UNMIL during the first round of national consultations. After further meetings held with the Liberia configuration, consolidated opinions from the Peacebuilding Commission were sent to Monrovia. The peacebuilding plan will be monitored jointly by the Government of Liberia, the United Nations system, the Commission, bilateral and multilateral actors, regional organizations and representatives of Liberian civil society. Furthermore, the plan is intended to provide a framework for the international community (the United Nations, the World Bank and other international actors) to support the Government of Liberia in its efforts to build and sustain peace in the coming period of elections and the assumption of power of the new Government in January 2018, as well as to

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lay the basis for long-term sustainability. In addition, it provides guidance on the support of the United Nations system and the international community for the drawdown of UNMIL and the transition of Liberia.

I wish to inform you that, as a follow-up to this plan, I intend to consult further with the members of the Liberia configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission, the World Bank and other relevant actors on the practical ways in which the Commission can support the implementation of the plan. Over the coming months, the Commission will discuss the upcoming elections and the transition to the new Government. Furthermore, the Commission hopes to contribute to strengthening the collaboration between the United Nations, the World Bank and regional and subregional multilateral organizations. Finally, we hope that the Commission can provide a platform to discuss lessons learned from the peacebuilding plan of Liberia, to benefit similar post-conflict situations.

I should be grateful if you would bring the present letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Olof **Skoog**
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